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VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST CLASS MAIL

Examiner Jason Prone
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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Serial No.	10/656,548
Inventor:	Ronald Swartz
Title:	Self-Aligning Blade Angle Guide
Filed:	September 6, 2003

Dear Examiner Prone:

The undersigned is attorney for applicant Ronald Swartz (the "Applicant") regarding the above matter. Pursuant to your telephone conversation with my associate, Tony K. Uhm, Esq., of this date, Applicant has revised the Abstract to better enable the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and gist of the technical disclosure of the Applicant's invention, as follows:

An improved device for use in the manual sharpening of arrow broadheads, razor blades and the like includes a unique symmetrical clamp and axle assembly having interchangeable, matched pairs of special purpose jaw members for gripping blades of differing configurations. When coupled to the frame, the clamp and axle assembly is freely rotatable, and this free rotation automatically aligns the length of the edge of the blade with the surface of a whetstone. Additionally, these rotational and self-aligning capabilities enable the user to service both sides of the blade's edge with a single blade clamping operation, by manually rotating the clamp 180 degrees between passes along the surface of the whetstone.

Please note that the Abstract as amended consists of 111 words.

It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendment to the Abstract fully complies with the USPTO rules. Accordingly, entrance of the amended Abstract is hereby respectfully requested.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Catalina, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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